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## MEMORANDUM

To: Perry Dyea  
From: R. E. Grote, Land & Minerals Director  
Subject: Discussion of Mine Reclamation and/or Tourism

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I will attempt to set forth in this memo some of our thoughts of our informal discussions we have had during the past several weeks.

Granted, some of our topics discussed may be "for fetched" but they are food for dreams that reality is made of.

I believe that serious thought should be given to a trade off with Anaconda for a large cash sum in lieu of reclamation or possibly a partial reclamation plan. We would be able to use the funds from the 3,500 acres affected by mining, to create a recreational area and several lucrative business enterprises for the reservation, for example:

1. The "Worlds largest open pit Uranium Mine" could be advertised on the main interstate Highway and through national travel magazines, etc.
2. A campground could be developed near the area with some attractive name such as "Miner's Roost" campground, etc.
3. An accompanying motel and cottages arrangement could be set up from perhaps remodeling and rebuilding the present Anaconda Housing area.
4. A central tourism building, possibly the same office used for the motel-campground, could house Indian curios and attractions. Plastic encased samples of Jackpile uranium sand could be made and sold cheaply.
5. A guided tour of the mine could be given and perhaps pamphlets sold relating the history of the area, the mine, and the 500 people who worked here for 27 years. Perhaps the guided tour could be transported in a replica of a mining car train similar to what they have at Astro-World in Houston, Texas or Knotts Berry Farms in California. Upon completion of the tour, tourists could disembark through a scientillation detection unit with sound similar to the motel detection units used in the major airports.

In conclusion, perhaps a study of this could be funded through EDA - Grants for business development and eventually a separate tourism department created for the reservation.

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